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Wednesday, September 7, 2016

For today ...

- Review of some course details
- Air in SCI/109

Next lecture: Continue ch2: Atomic mass unit u; isotopes → atomic weight; Chemist's dozen: The mole

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CH101 General Chemistry 1 overview

- quantum.bu.edu/courses/ch101-fall-2016
- Dan Dill (and Binyomin Abrams and Rosina Georgiadis)
- My office hours **Tuesday and Wednesday, 4–5 pm** in SCI/200B Atrium Area (see item 10 at <http://www.bu.edu/today/2016/tips-for-new-students-on-campus/> !)

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No electronic devices

Except for your calculator and clicker, we require that **no electronic devices** (cell phones, computers, tablets, etc.) may be used in lectures, discussions, and labs.

We do this to help you **get the greatest benefit you are able to** during classes

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When things start

- Labs start week after next
- Lab lectures start next week
- Discussions start this week

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Exams

- Exam 1, Monday, September 26, 5:15–7 pm
- Exam 2, Tuesday, October 31, 5:15–7 pm
- Exam 3 Monday, November 21, 5:15–7 pm
- Lab exam, Monday, December 12, 5:15–7 pm
- Final exam on Tuesday, December 20, 6–8 pm

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No makeup exams! Missed exams count as 0

Exam 3: Monday, November 21, 5:15–7 pm **only!**

Final exam: Tuesday, December 20, 6–8 pm **only!**

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Academic conduct

You are bound by the provisions of the **academic conduct** code,

<http://goo.gl/k78iy>

We treat cheating with **zero tolerance**.

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Scheduling questions

For **discussion**, please contact **Natalya Bassina**

nbassina@bu.edu, Room SCI/270A, **Wednesday (today) 1–5 pm**

For **pre-lab lecture and lab**, please contact **Alex Golger**

golger@bu.edu, Room SCI/270C, **Thursday (tomorrow) 2–4 pm**



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Goal is to do our best

How to approach our course?

- **Review, rewrite, fill in each lecture** (annotated online), making sure all is clear.
- Use **worked examples in text** for detailed practice.
- **Complete each week's discussion plan** over the weekend, bringing what is unclear to study groups and office hours.



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How to approach calculations

A key skill you will develop in this course is understanding what is needed to be done, and then carefully carrying it out.

Let's illustrate this by working through the two problems.



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Answer: 2×10^{33} atoms



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Air composition by mass is

75.5% N₂, 23.2% O₂, and 1.3% Ar (Google)

Liquid densities are

0.808 g/cm³ N₂, 1.141 g/cm³ O₂, 1.3954 g/cm³ Ar (Google)

To keep the calculation simple, let's assume air density is about 1 g/cm³



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